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1. JAKARTA PRESS REPORTED JULY 25 THAT GOI TRADE MINISTER
RADIUS PRAWIRO IN PARIS TO SET UP JOINT GOI-FRENCH COMMITTEE
TO FOSTER ECONOMIC COOPERATION BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES.
COMMITTEE, TO BE COMPRISED OF INDONESIAN AND FRENCH GOVERN-
MENT OFFICIALS, WOULD EXCHANGE GENERAL ECONOMIC AND TECHNICAL
INFORMATION, AND FACILITATE CONTACTS BETWEEN PRIVATE COM-
MERCIAL INTERESTS IN EACH COUNTRY, AS WELL AS BETWEEN THEIR
RESPECTIVE STATE AGENCIES.

2. GOI DIRECTOR GENERAL OF FOREIGN TRADE RELATIONS SUMARDI
REKSOPUTRANTO NOTED THAT THIS COMMITTEE IS FIRST EVER
SET UP BY GOI TRADE MINISTRY WITH GOVERNMENT OF A
FOREIGN COUNTRY. MEETINGS WILL BE CONVENED ON ROTA-
TIONAL BASIS IN JAKARTA AND PARIS, BUT WILL NOT ADHERE
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TO FORMAL SCHEDULE. INSTEAD, TALKS WOULD BE HELD AS

OFTEN AS NECESSARY. ONE AREA RIPE FOR DISCUSSION, SUMARDI SAID, WAS INDONESIA'S TRADE DEFICIT WITH FRANCE.

3. COMMENT: WHILE GOI LOUDLY VOICES PUBLIC STANCE OF LDC SOLIDARITY AND IS TAKING HARDER APPROACH TO LDC-DC ECONOMIC RELATIONS, REPORTS SUCH AS THIS INDICATE UNDERLYING SELF-INTEREST OF GOI IN SOLVING ECONOMIC PROBLEMS AND IMPROVING COOPERATION WITH DEVELOPED COUNTRIES AT LEAST ON A ONE-TO-ONE BASIS. IN TYPICAL INDONESIAN FASHION, HOWEVER, THE PROCESS IS SLOW AND CAUTIONS. POSSIBILITY OF JOINT FRENCH-INDONESIA COMMITTEE FIRST SURFACED IN MARCH 1975.

4. FRANCE NOT MAJOR ECONOMIC NEMESIS OF INDONESIA (FRANCE ACCOUNTS FOR LESS THAN TWO PERCENT OF INDONESIAN IMPORTS AND LESS THAN ONE PERCENT OF EXPORTS), BUT THE TRADE IMBALANCE BEARS WATCHING. AVERAGE DEFICIT WITH FRANCE OVER LAST FIVE YEARS WAS \$20 MILLION ANNUALLY, BUT HAS BEEN GETTING GEOMETRICALLY WORSE AND AMOUNTED TO \$65 MILLION LAST YEAR. DETERIORATION POINTS TO SUBSTANTIAL BUT ONE-SIDED SUCCESS OF FRENCH "TRADE OFFENSIVE" (REF) BEGUN LAST YEAR TO BOOST LAGGING FRENCH SALES IN SOUTHEAST ASIA. INDONESIA EXPORTS TO FRANCE MOSTLY RUBBER, TIMBER, AND TIN; IMPORTS MOSTLY ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL MACHINERY, CHEMICALS, PHARMACEUTICALS, AIRCRAFT, AND PAPER PRODUCTS. GOI PRESUMABLY WOULD LIKE JOINT COMMITTEE TO ALSO LOOK INTO BOOSTING FRENCH AID TO AND INVESTMENT IN INDONESIA. RIVES UNQUOTE KISSINGER

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